Figure 2: Capabilities-Based Planning: From the 15 Scenarios to the Universal Task List and the Target Capabilities List

Scenarios

The National Planning Scenarios highlight the scope, magnitude, and complexity of plausible catastrophic terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies

Tasks

The Universal Task List (UTL) provides a menu of tasks from all sources that may be performed in major events such as those illustrated by the National Planning Scenarios

Capabilities

The Target Capabilities List (TCL) provides guidance on specific capabilities and levels of capability that Federal, State, local, and tribal entities will be expected to develop and maintain

- 15 Scenarios
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive, Food and Agricultural, and Cyber Terrorism
- Natural Disasters
- Pandemic Influenza
- Entities select only the tasks that apply to their assigned roles and responsibilities
 - Prevention
 - Protection
 - Response
 - Recovery
- The intent of the UTL is to guide the design, development, conduct and evaluation of training and exercise events

- 36 Capability Summaries
- Description, Outcome, ESF/Annex, Associated Critical Tasks, Measures, Capability Elements, Linked Capabilities, Event Conditions, References
- Tailored to levels of government based on assigned roles and responsibilities
- Tailored to Tiers or groups of jurisdictions based on risk factors

Source: Interim National Preparedness Goal